
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
COUNTIES TO PROVIDE BEACH ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is known worldwide for its beaches and is
2 committed to offering beach access to all visitors; and
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4 WHEREAS, beach access for persons with disabilities,
5 including veterans, is extremely limited, especially for those
6 with mobility limitations; and
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8 WHEREAS, Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 35
9 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public
10 entities; and
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12 WHEREAS, Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 36
13 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public
14 accommodations and requires places of public accommodation to be
15 designed, constructed, and altered to make them compliant; and
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17 WHEREAS, access to Hawaii's beaches is meant to be open for
18 all residents and visitors and access to beaches will need to be
19 improved so as not to discriminate against persons with a
20 disability; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
25 Land and Natural Resources and the counties that maintain beach
26 transit corridors are requested to provide beach access to the
27 shoreline for persons with disabilities at beaches that have a
28 public restroom facility or are in an ocean management area; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in providing access to the
2 shoreline at beaches, the Department of Land and Natural
3 Resources and the responsible counties consider the topography
4 and physical characteristics of the beach transit corridor; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
7 Natural Resources and the responsible counties shall provide
8 access no later than July 1, 2016; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Board of Land and Resources and the mayors of Hawaii County,
13 Maui County, Kauai County, and the City and County of Honolulu.

